

The Police Desk...

Did you know... Statistically you have about a nine percent chance of being involved in a traffic crash every year, which equates to about 5 collisions in a lifetime? ¹ Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death of children in the United States. Just as concerning is that in most cases, child passenger injuries and deaths can be prevented. Many injuries and deaths occur as a result of the high misuse rates of car seats, booster seats and seat belts. According to various reports from NHTSA and in the field, car seat, booster seat, and seat belt misuse rates vary from 74-90 percent. ²



The Lehigh Township Police Department's goal is to reduce the number of misused child seats. Our officer is certified through Safe Kids Worldwide (<http://cert.safekids.org/get-car-seat-checked>). We will help provide information for the correct selection of a car seat or booster seat. We will not recommend a certain brand, but can help guide you through the process with things to consider. We will help you select which direction your child should be facing for their age, weight, height and developmental levels for the child. We will assist you in deciding an appropriate location in your vehicle and explain how the airbag system works. We will show you how to install the car seat or booster seat correctly. We are not an install service, but will make sure you feel comfortable installing your seat. We will show how to harness your child in the car seat or booster seat. We also check your car seat for recalls.

To schedule an appointment please contact the Lehigh Township Police Department, 610-760-8800. Ask to leave a message with child car seat technician Jonathan Roth to check or help install your child's seat today.

-Chief Scott Fogel-